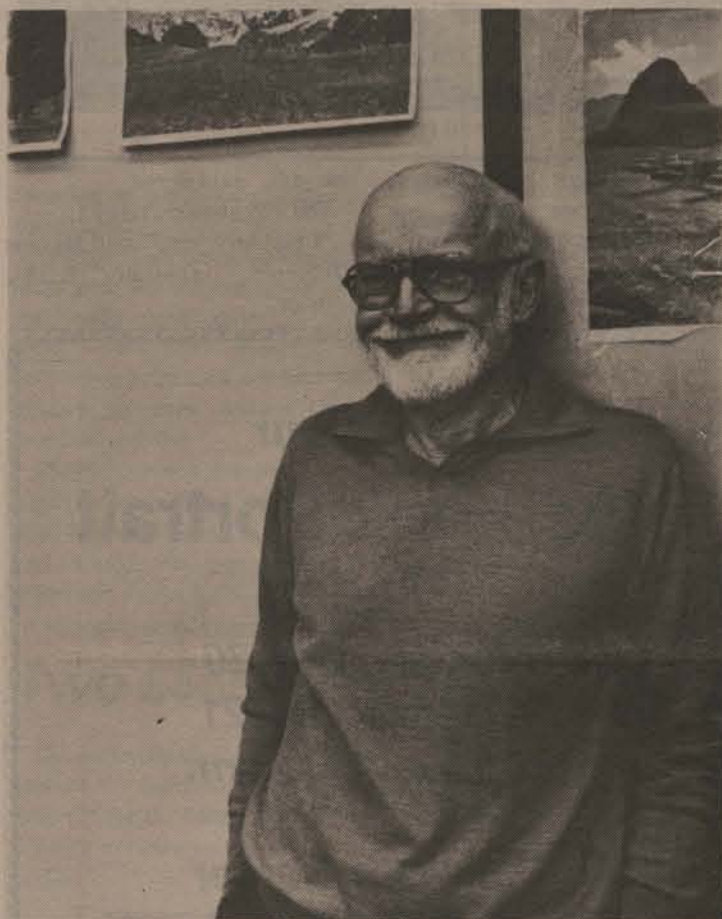


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Renowned political scientist James C. Davies

## Political scientist slated

# James C. Davies to speak

by SCOTT STRONG  
Managing Editor

Dr. James C. Davies, pioneer political scientist, will present his lecture "The American Revolution and Third-World Revolutions" Thursday, October 23 at 8:00 p.m. in the University Center Theatre.

Davies is the author of the first systematic application of modern theoretical and behavioral psychology to political science. He has helped develop political fiction and pioneered the application of biological research to political science theory. He is probably best known for originating the J-curve theory of political violence, which states that revolution occurs when the gap between what people expect and what they get grows too large.

"I think he is probably the brightest political scientist in the country," said Dr. William D. Pederson, LSUS associate professor of political science. "In terms of quality work, there's nobody better than him."

Patrons without tickets may be granted admission five minutes before the lecture begins according to seating availability.

In a telephone interview,

Davies said that he thought his major contribution to political science is his psychological studies of political violence.

"One fundamental way to prevent terrorism is to understand what makes people angry," he said. "The most frustrating thing for revolutionaries is not being recognized. Society just ignores them. We treat them like non-beings."

Davies, who originated the J-curve theory in 1962, said that he originally submitted the theory to the most prominent political science journal. The article was rejected and called superficial and he resorted to having it published in a journal of sociology. Since then it has been reprinted, in part or in whole, over 25 times. It is now the leading alternative to Karl Marx's explanation of political violence.

He was a member of the Council of the American Political Science Association, but grew tired of its conservative outlook and reluctance to accept new ideas. He resigned as a member and helped found the International Society of Political Psychology by writing its constitution. He now serves as

councilor to the organization.

"Political psychology deals with the part of the equation that political science doesn't normally deal with - human behavior," Davies said. "Political science deals with political institutions, such as churches and government bodies, but within these institutions there are people. Institutions change because people change. They then change the institutions."

He said that few political scientists study psychology. "I made a deliberate effort to avoid that error in graduate school by studying as much psychology as I could," he said. "I devoted half of my studies to psychology and it was built into my thinking by the time I received my doctorate."

Davies, who attended law school for two years, said that he had wanted to go into politics and run for office but, after finding he wasn't suited for law school, he decided to become a political scientist. "I have an abstract mind and law school deals with very concrete cases," he said. "I didn't know of any other way to go into politics without a law degree, so I pursued an academic life."

## Economic outlook conference — Oct. 21

The first Shreveport-Bossier Economic Outlook Conference will be held from 9 a.m. till 12:15 p.m. in the University Center Theater on Tuesday.

An optional luncheon meeting will immediately follow the conference.

Panels comprised of local executives will discuss both the past and future of five economic areas at the morning conference. These areas include: oil and gas, manufacturing, distribution, financial and retail services and construction and economic development.

"At this conference, trends in the local economy for the past ten years will be examined, with a view to where these trends will send us next year — and beyond," said Daryl

McKee, director of the LSUS Center for Business Research.

The luncheon will be held between 12:15 and 1:30 p.m. in the Plantation Ballroom of the U.C. Dr. Harvey Rosenblum, senior vice president and director of research for the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, will be the keynote speaker at the luncheon.

Interested persons can pre-register for the event by phoning the LSUS Office of Conferences and Institutes at 797-5262.

The registration fee for the conference is \$30 and the fee for the luncheon is \$15.

"We hope that this local economic overview will help business people to plan for the year ahead," McKee said.

## Preregistration set

Students planning to return in the spring will once again be allowed to register early, according to university registrar Betty Huff.

The dates set for early registration are November 10-19. Students wishing to preregister should schedule an appointment with their advisors during the last week of October or the first week of November. The 1987 spring schedules will be out during the last week of October.

The only thing that will be dif-

ferent about this preregistration is that the fee payment will not be due until January 6, which is much later than before.

Seniors will be allowed to preregister first, with the first two days of the early registration (Nov. 10-11) devoted to them. Juniors will go on Nov. 12-13, sophomores on Nov. 14-17, freshmen on Nov. 18-19. Upperclassmen will be allowed to preregister after time designated within the time period.

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# KDAQ format classical, jazzy

by DOREEN LAFAUCI  
News Editor

Big bands and moderate jazz are some of the sounds you'll hear if you tune in to KDAQ.

KDAQ is a listener supported public radio station featuring a classical, jazz and news format. The station is licensed through LSUS and is located on campus.

The programming format was chosen before the station began operating two years ago and carries a young audience, said Alyne Boren, program director.

"We chose that format because it was what the community wanted," she said. "But surprisingly a lot of our listenership is composed of young people."

Clyde Fisher, a student worker and board operator at KDAQ, disagrees with Boren. Fisher feels the program format is targeted towards people of upper and middle income.

"We have more middle and upper class yuppie types listening," he said. "But the jazz may appeal to the younger crowd."

Station personnel may disagree on who is listening, but someone is. Boren could not release

figures showing exact listenership but did say KDAQ ranks well in comparison to other local stations featuring the same or a similar format.

"We're doing much better now than when we first started. Our listenership has definitely increased," she said.

KDAQ is a noncommercial radio station sponsored by public donations. It does employ student workers but because of a lack of funds offers no internships.

"We now have three student workers and would like to have more, but we can't afford them," said Boren. "I'm not sure if, or when, we'll have internships. It depends on funding."

KDAQ does not require student workers to be communications majors or to have prior broadcasting experience.

"We look for dependability and ability with equipment," said Boren. "They must also be able to work odd hours."

Fisher said he had no prior experience but only a concerned interest. He is now a board operator who also gives weather reports and operates tape



KDAQ staffers plan program

machines.

The station operates in a capacity of 100,000 watts and will be expanding to include the Alexandria area in December or January.

A variety of programs are carried by the station including in-depth news reports, orchestral shows and piano jazz.

The more listened-to programs, according to Fisher, are "All Things Considered" and

"Music from the Hearts of Space."

As for changes, in the area of format, neither Boren nor Fisher feel they are warranted.

"There may be some subtle changes but we'll stay classical

and jazz," said Boren.

And why shouldn't they?

"I just love 'em," said Marcus Clements, another KDAQ listener.

## Black historian ends series

by ANDY SALVAIL  
Staff Writer

One of America's leading black historians, Dr. John Hope Franklin of Duke University, gave a lecture to about 100 people last Thursday night, Oct. 9, in the Plantation Ballroom of the University Center. His topic was "Plantation Dissidents: Runaway Slaves in Southern U.S.A."

Franklin's lecture concluded a series of talks that were part of the Second World Plantation Conference, a unique seminar that brought famous scholars and historians together to present information concerning pre-Civil War Southern Plantations and also plantations in India, Brazil and the West Indies.

Before Franklin spoke, however, the audience, which was mainly comprised of blacks, was treated to a brief concert by the Southern University of Shreveport Choir.

Then Franklin ascended to the podium. The focus of his 45-minute speech centered on the Southern planter's attitude toward runaway slaves.

"Plantation owners believe

that slaves weren't cunning enough to escape," he said. "They also thought they knew their slaves' likes and dislikes. They couldn't understand why the slaves wanted to leave."

"Overseers truly felt that slaves wanted and liked whippings. This horrendous attitude, coupled with the division of black families, contributed to the instability of the institution of slavery."


Franklin said that the slave rebellions were inevitable.

"Slaves had a vision of freedom that was planted by the Southern planters themselves and the free negroes," he said. "They ran away simply because they disliked being slaves — they wanted a better life for themselves."

Dr. Ann McLaurin, LSUS professor of history said that she felt that Franklin's speech was informative but geared toward the general audience.

"As a historian, I hoped that he would offer some new insights into the topic," McLaurin said.

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# Services offered by PRSA

by DOREEN LAFAUCI  
News Editor

Even with a college education, many graduates are unable to find employment.

There is one group, however, that considers itself "a source for developing professionals," and although it cannot promise the college student a job immediately after graduation, it helps him refine his skills by offering hands-on training.

The Public Relations Society of America is an organization made up of professionals interested in furthering their careers — careers that range from public relations to advertising — by focusing on the latest changes in their fields.

"PRSA is an organization that helps you the student grow professionally and develop contacts," said Billy Boswell, an LSUS graduate and account executive for Jack Hodges Communications, Inc.

PRSA sponsors a college-level organization, The Public Relations Student Society of America and through this organization, it offers the student a wide variety of services, said Boswell.

These services include professional-oriented publications, seminars and workshops and a "job bank."

PRSA publishes their own newsletters. Students and professionals are provided with tips on how to further their careers, possible job developments, in-depth articles on current topics, and information to keep them abreast of the latest trends in their respective fields.

Each month regional chapters also sponsor meetings for both PRSA and PRSSA members. These meetings focus on topics stretching from advertising to PR, said Boswell.

"These are top quality meetings that put you in touch with top quality professionals from all over the country."

Emphasis is placed on bringing in local professionals making attendance at such meetings a way to learn the local market.

"This is especially important for someone who plans to stay in this area," Boswell said. "You deal with professionals on a first name basis and you learn quickly that's invaluable."

Boswell knows just how invaluable. In fact, he attributes

his first job to his attendance at PRSA meetings.

"I got my first job from meeting professionals at a PRSA luncheon," he said. "When you need a job and the professional recognizes you, it puts you that much further ahead because he knows you're interested and committed."

Offered to the graduating student is "job bank," providing the student an opportunity to list his qualifications and preferences for possible employment.

"This information goes directly to professionals who will, nine times out of ten, choose one of them," said Boswell. "It's a direct line to a job."

PRSA, through its individual college chapters, also offers the student hands-on-training by allowing him to work with student run public relations firms. The student is able to put his skills to work and gain experience in running a business and handling clients.

Boswell recommends students become involved with PRSA. "Students need to make themselves known and meet the people who will be their future contacts and clients."



Arlunda Foster and Frederick Maiden share a laugh.

## Center offers free services

The LSUS Communication Center is offering free evaluations and therapy for speech and language disorders.

The evaluations and therapy are set up primarily to give student speech pathologists clinical practice and therefore clients are chosen based on student needs, said Dr. Anne Torrains, professor of communications.

The evaluations consist of several tests including an articulation test and a screening of visual motor abilities. A language sample is taken and compared with the results of a language capability test. A hearing screening and a brief oral exam are also given. The evaluations are observed by faculty members and are usually completed within an hour and fifteen minutes.

Torrains said the center does an average of forty evaluations a semester and accepts anywhere from twenty-five to

forty clients for therapy. Those who are not accepted for therapy do not go away empty-handed. They are referred to another clinic where their needs can be met.

According to Torrains, the majority of the clients have mild to moderate problems and 75 percent to 80 percent of these are children between the ages of three and eight.

The most common problems among children are articulation and language delay. Language delay results in a person having a small vocabulary for his age.

The amount of therapy needed depends on the type and the complexity of the problem but the average amount for a client at the center is two to three semesters. After receiving therapy at the center, many go on to therapy at other clinics. Some require therapy throughout their entire lives.

## Two LSUS professors receive fellowship

Dr. Kenneth E. Hinze and Dr. Robert C. Leitz III have been selected for the 1986-87 American Studies research fellowships at LSUS.

They will share the \$5,000 annual award granted by the LSUS American Studies Program, the largest endowed program on the LSUS campus.

So far, 15 faculty members have been awarded partial of full American Studies fellowships for their research and teaching productivity.

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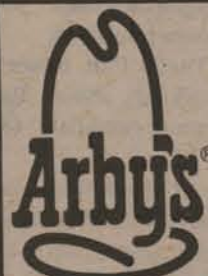
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## Opinions

# Noisy students disrupt library

Each building on this campus plays host to a variety of functions.

The University Center is probably the most versatile with its cafeteria, meeting rooms, game room and theater. It is the social center of LSUS.

The Library, on the other hand, should be reserved for research, study and reading.

Unfortunately, this is not always the case. Some people have forgotten the true purpose of the library and students have complained that the library is too noisy.

It is very difficult to pursue educational interests if those around you are socializing.

But there is something you can do.

If inconsiderate people are interrupting your study, notify a librarian. Library staff member Ann King says that if you have a problem with noisy individuals, the librarian will either take care of it or find a quiet place for you to study.

King says that rooms are available for students who wish to study in groups so that others will not be distracted by talking. All you have to do is ask.

Individuals who break the library's unsaid rules of courtesy force many diligent students to seek out unoccupied far corners of the library. There it is difficult to use the library's resources to their best advantage.

There is a time and a place for everything. That is why the university has a library and a U.C.

If your motives for going to the library are social, then consider the University Center.

Respect those who use the library in accordance to its purpose.

## Eric Gipson

# It's all been done—or has it?

The fifties brought us the flat-top hairstyle; the eighties brought it back. The sixties gave us the Monkees; the eighties brought them back.

If a trend had a shape, it would be that of a boomerang. The post-war years have produced so many fads and changes that now, in the mid-late eighties, we are seeing the cyclic nature of trends. Solomon, a pre-war wise man, said "What has been done before will be done again."

This is the decade of retro; if no one can think of anything new, then simply reach into the grab-bag of the past, add a dash of "now", a bit more "then", and there, ready for public consumption, is a design, fashion, celebrity, and, of course, the same old song and dance.

Actually, there is little wrong with touching base with the past now and then—old friends are good to have along, especially if the times are perilous perhaps, downright dull.

The cyclic nature of trends might even suggest that the current physical fitness craze will dissipate and it may well be chic to be fat. This should happen just as we hit the mid '70s fashion retro. So, if you see a rotund man wearing a double-knit leisure suit and listening to the "Disco Duck" 8-track, don't laugh—he just might be ahead of the times."

Consider the dialogue of an ex-punk rocker to his grandson forty years from now. Gruffy voice of an elder: "When I was your age, we used to put safety pins through our noses. Yup, had a girlfriend with orange hair. Had another with no hair at all."

Only time will tell what that kid will look like. He might take after his grandfather's punk heritage—eighties retro—or, perhaps he will look like one of the Monkees—sixties retro retro.

The biggest case against SDI is that all that funding should go toward establishing the government's Department of Trends and Lack of Human Resourcefulness.

Phones will constantly ring and staffers will shout the latest changes: "Skin-heads are coming back...Double-knit leisure suits might return!" (If the Soviet Union follows suit on that last one, it would certainly be mutually assured destruction).

As Dorsey Summerfield and the Polyphonics performed at the Revel last Saturday, a friend who can move about in silly and innovating ways, said, "I would get out there and dance, but I would be scared of starting a trend."

I agreed; if fads do not go back, they get more outrageous because everyone is looking for something new.

In Australia, a "hip" new art process consists of cutting up ex-

pensive paintings into itsy bitsy pieces and selling them. I'm sorry, but that just doesn't make any sense, however, since it has not been done before, then why not?

One thing that doesn't change is that car designs always change. Volkswagens don't look like Volkswagens any more and, speaking of German cars, the new Mercedes Benz looks more like a Japanese yuppiemobile. It used to be that the sight of one of those Bavarian monsters would inspire one to either try to buy war bonds or click his or her heels.

Romanticists may as well throw in the hat, especially if it is worn by Humphrey Bogart. There are now Kentucky Fried Chickens in Casablanca and any club resembling Rick's is more likely have a band playing the music of A-Ha, rather than big band music of the forties. And if they did play the latter, it's still no use; it's all been done before.

So where does this leave us? Who cares, really. If you're the kind that gets ticked off by this cultural whiplash, then go live in the Ozarks.

But, as luck would have it, you glance at the magazine rack while paying for gas in a Wag-A-Bag in Arkadelphia, en route to your mountain hideaway.

There, across the Roloids and glazed doughnuts, you see the cover of Newsweek: "They're Heading For the Hills!"



## Lewis Grizzard

# Robertson's campaign not divinely led says stunned God in interview

I talked to God. Don't laugh. Television preachers aren't the only people with whom God has conversations.

Besides, I was just doing my job. Since God has been discussing the 1988 presidential race with evangelist Pat Robertson, I thought perhaps he could give me some insight as to what is in Robertson's future.

Will he run? Will he get the nomination? Will he become president? If I could get answers, I figured here was a good shot at my Pulitzer.

"Sir," I began my conversation with God, "what can we expect from Pat Robertson?"

"Who?" God asked.

"Pat Robertson, sir," I replied. "The guy who does the telephone commercials?"

"No, sir. That's Cliff Robertson. I'm talking about Pat Robertson, your candidate for president."

"He's one of those television preachers, isn't he? There's so many of those people, they all seem to run together. But what's this about his being MY presidential candidate?"

"Oh, yes, sir," I replied. "It's been in all the papers. He says you mentioned to him to get involved in politics."

"Young man," God said, "I do not involve myself in politics."

"You don't?"

"I just don't have the time. There are wars all over the world and people are starving. I do not allow myself to get involved in the triviality of politics."

"I don't understand, sir," I said. "According to evangelists like Robertson and Jerry Falwell, you want to see the church get more involved in politics so that Christians can get control in the country and do something about all the heathenism that goes on, such as not allowing children to pray in school."

"Where did they get a cock-eyed idea like that?"

"Have they forgotten their history lessons? The reason

America came to be in the first place is that the church became so powerful in England it was making everybody's life miserable, so the Pilgrims set out to find a place where they could worship and live any way they saw fit."

"Then you think the power the religious right wing holds in America could be dangerous?"

"Indeed," said God. "There are many religions in the world, and that's the way I set things up. People are different and it's silly for one group to insist another gorup worship as it does."

"Then what you are saying, sir, is you have NOT directed Pat Robertson to run for president?"

"Of course I haven't," said God. "The last politician of sorts I talked to was Moses. I gave him a list of things I didn't want people to do. I thought I made myself quite clear. What else would I need to say after the Ten Commandments?"

I thanked God for his time.

"Not at all, my son," He replied. "And would you do me a favor?"

"Anything," I said.

"Will you please tell Tammy Bakker to quit wearing so much makeup on the Praise the Lord Club. It's really quite unbecoming."

"Consider it done, sir."



## Langman lectures

LSUS students are eligible to earn credit while helping to conduct research on elephants in Africa next summer as a part of a larger study of endangered wildlife.

Dr. Vaughn Langman, assistant professor of biology at LSUS, discussed the Elephant Research Project in a presentation at the Museum of Life Sciences last night.

The study of the environmental physiology of large mammals such as giraffes, rhinoceros and elephants helps scientists understand the effects of the environment on the physical makeup of the endangered animals.

Langman has spent all or part of the last 16 years in East Africa studying endangered animals in their natural habitat. The student volunteer program has been exposing college students to wildlife for the last seven years.

The presentation by Langman included slides from previous research safaris. Over the past seven years student volunteers have studied captive rhinos, captured a rhino, hiked through rainforests and observed elephants in the wild.

Costs for student volunteers are around \$3,000, but up to one-third or more of the cost can be offset through grants from various organizations. In the past, students have been able to pay for the entire trip through grants. "The grants are more readily available to students at schools like LSUS," said Langman.

## Student aid workshop

The Financial Aid Office is sponsoring a workshop dealing with ways to meet your educational expenses and to help with financial planning. If you have any concerns regarding these matters, please plan to attend. The meeting will be Wednesday, October 29 from 12:00 to 1:30 in room 108, Bronson Hall.

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# Heard scholarships fund founded

Accounting students at LSUS will be eligible to receive new grants totaling \$1,500 per year from a new \$100,000 program outlined by the Berton Heard family.

In a September 24 announcement, the new scholarship was named in honor of the Shreveport business and civic leader S. Berton Heard, who died in May.

The Heard family met with

university officials and with the student selected as first recipient of a Heard scholarship, John Shannon Hughes.

Chancellor E. Grady Bogue presented a memorial plaque which will be mounted on the door of an accounting classroom in honor of Heard's contributions.

"This is the first time a room at the university has been named in the honor of someone," Lynn Stewart, LSUS director of infor-

mation services, said.

Stewart also said that the Heard scholarship is the largest one of any scholarships that are now available on this campus.

Founder of the Shreveport accounting firm of Heard, McElroy and Vestal, Mr. Heard was a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and served on a number of committees of that organization during his practice.

Heard served as president of the Louisiana Society of Certified Public Accountants and was a deacon of the First Baptist Church of Shreveport. He chaired the church's Finance Committee for many years.

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# Rhodes Scholarship Trust

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Rhodes Scholarships are offered in eighteen countries and single out those who have achieved excellence not only in academics but other areas as well.

The elections to Rhodes Scholarships will be held in all states December, 1986 with those being chosen entering Oxford University in October, 1987.

## Campus Briefs

### Halloween

A Halloween party will be held Oct. 31 at noon in the UC. Wear a costume; prizes will be awarded. A disc will provide the music, and beer will be sold.

### Ski trip

The Student Activities Board is sponsoring a ski trip to Steam-

boat Springs, Colo., Jan. 2-8.

The cost is \$425. For more information, call the Student Activities' office (797-5393).

### Alcohol Awareness

Next week, in recognition of National Alcohol Awareness Week, there will be activities every day at noon in the UC.

## LSUS librarian earns PhD

Mattie J. Mosley, assistant professor of library science at LSUS, has been awarded the Ph.D. degree from North Texas State University.

An LSUS employee since the university opened in 1967, Dr. Mosley completed the doctorate this past summer.

Her dissertation is entitled "The Relationships Among a Reading Guidance Program and the Reading Attitudes, Reading Achievement, and Reading Behavior of Fifth-Grade Children

in a North Louisiana School."

Her major professor was Dean Dewey Carroll and she did her experimental study at Curtis Elementary School in Bossier City.

A native of Manila, Philippines, she grew up in Marion. She earned the B.A. degree (1961) from Louisiana Tech and the M.S. (1962) from LSU in Baton Rouge.

She is married to Thomas H. Mosley and they have two sons, Thomas, Jr. and Christopher.

## Sign-ups for job interviews begins Tuesday for Seniors

Sign-ups for November on-campus interviews will begin Tuesday October 21 at 9:00 a.m. Seniors who have established a placement file will be allowed to sign up on a first come, first served basis. In some cases priority will be given to December graduates.

So far, the list of November interviews includes the following:

Nov. 3	Russ Berrie	All Business
Nov. 4	American Business Products	All Business
Nov. 6	National Pizza	Management
Nov. 7	Graybar	All Business/Science
Nov. 11	Aetna	All Majors
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# Impressions of America

by BARBARA POWELL  
Editorial Assistant

If Benoit Meessen had been back home in Mons, Belgium, last Saturday night, he might have spent the evening sitting in a pub: drinking beer and talking politics with his friends.

Instead, Meessen, a 20-year-old exchange student from the University of Mons, sat in an apartment near LSUS that he shares with a student he recently met, and talked to a stranger — of his life in Belgium and his impressions of Americans.

"I couldn't stand the weather here when I first came in August. It was so hot," said Meessen. He was amazed that residents could not only stand the heat and humidity, but might actually choose to sit outside.

The average summer temperature in Belgium is 60.

This is not his first visit to the United States. Meessen spent four of his pre-school years in Baltimore where his father, a surgeon, was interning.

His English is almost flawless, his French accent slight. He studied English for 6 years and plans to become an interpreter.

"I think English is one of the easiest languages to learn at

first," Meessen said. "But to speak it well, it's one of the hardest to learn — there are so many words in the language."

Meessen is taking English 105, and is surprised at the written mistakes that American students make in their own language. "In Belgium, someone who had studied English for only 3 years wouldn't make such mistakes."

He believes that European high schools teach students more than do American high schools, and that the academic standards are higher. "We have a good education when we leave high school. People who go on to the university are considered intellectuals."

University students in Belgium are considered to be responsible adults; there are no papers to turn in, no quizzes — only final exams. They are given in June; twenty is a perfect score on an exam; twelve is a passing grade. If a student fails, he may retake the exams in September.

Students attend class from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Meessen took 30 hours during the last fall semester. Because of the heavy course load, Belgium students cannot both work and go to school; there is no time.

Meessen lived in a "kot," a bedroom rented in a private home. The university has dorms, but they are located off campus and close on weekends.

After class, he studied; he read newspapers; and at night he walked to town to sit in the pubs and talk to his friends.

Meessen doesn't have a driver's license. He didn't need one at home. Mons is a small town — a walk across town takes only twenty minutes — and only the richest students drive cars.

Meessen was surprised to see young teenagers in Shreveport driving. The driving age in Belgium is 18.

And to hear of people drinking and driving. In Belgium, there is no minimum drinking age. But Meessen said that Belgium has no problems from drunk driving.

"People there drink; but they don't drive drunk. I don't know of any among my friends who have had a car wreck. The problems here, I think, is that you can drive at 15."

The pubs in Belgium are used by the students as a place to socialize, to drink a few beers and to argue politics. There are no fraternities or sororities in Belgium.

Meessen has found it hard to meet people in Shreveport.

Of the Americans he has met, he finds it hard sometimes to understand them: the words they speak, he can understand. It's the meaning of the words that sometimes puzzles and upsets



Belgian exchange student Benoit Meessen

Meessen.

"I think Americans exaggerate a lot when they talk. For instance, they say 'never' a lot. In French, if you say the word never, you mean it."

He has been hurt by the careless way new American acquaintances have told him, "We'll get together," or that they will see him soon. In Europe, people speak more literally, and regard such words as promises to be kept.

Though he sometimes finds Americans hard to understand, Meessen does admire them — most of all for their energy and belief that anything and everything is within their reach if they only work hard enough.

"Just telling a Belgium student that everything is possible — he wouldn't believe you. He would

be less confident that he could change his life."

Meessen didn't study hard enough his freshman year: "I used to wake up at 11:00 each morning," he said, "and miss half of my classes. I partied all year. I failed in June, but I passed in September."

But Meessen said that Belgium students are more self-confident in their social environment than American students. He thinks that because of this, it would be more fun for an American student to come to Mons than for a Belgium student to come to Shreveport. The American student could go out at night in Mons, without worrying if he knew anyone or if he had a date.

"We don't have dates," Meessen said. "If you don't have someone to dance with, you can dance alone."

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# Water ski team competing

by DONALD GARRETT  
Sports Editor

With the controversy swirling around campus over the athletic proposal in recent weeks, I wonder how many students are aware that LSUS already has an athletic team representing this university in a competitive sport.

LSUS has been represented by a water skiing tournament competition since the spring. The team was formed last fall and participated in its first tourney in April.

The ski team is composed of 20 LSUS students who skied as a hobby and wanted the chance to test their skills against others. Skiing is a club sport and the team is not NCAA affiliated in any way. The team competes in what is known as the South Central Conference.

College and universities from a six state area including Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas make up the conference. The LSUS squad has held its own against such traditional college athletic powers as the Texas Longhorns, Oklahoma Sooners, Ole Miss Rebels and of course the Tigers from Baton Rouge.

The ski team has finished in the middle of the pack in two tournaments this fall. But finishing in the middle of 15-20 team fields is not bad when you take into consideration that the LSUS squad has very little funding and inadequate practice facilities.

The ski team has received \$2,000 from the university to help with expenses this fall and next spring, according to team spokesman Robbie Van Hoy.

"We are very grateful for the help the university has given us. We know how hard Dr. Raines fought to get us the funds and we want to thank her and the administration for helping us this year," Van Hoy said.

The money helps the team pay travel and lodging expenses, but it is just a drop in the water where overall costs are concerned. Though most team members have much of the necessary skiing gear, there is still such things as entry and practice fees at each tournament, gas and maintenance on the boat, ski ropes and handles and buoys that must be paid for in order for the team to compete.

As far as practice is concerned, the team has been forced to use Lake Bistineau. This creates time and travel problems for

team members who only get to practice once or twice a week.

"We could make the practice trip more often," Van Hoy said, "but that would cut into our academic study time and no one on the team is willing to sacrifice our grades just to be on a successful ski team."

Faculty representatives for the team are Nancy Hudson and Vaughn Langman, but the team is looking for someone who has more time to travel with the team.

"We appreciate all the help and support that Nancy Hudson and Vaughn Langman have given us. They've been great, but we are looking for a full time sponsor or coach," Van Hoy said. "If we had a coach and more time on the water to practice I feel we could move out of middle and into top echelon of teams in our conference."

The team thought it had an agreement to use Champion Lake, but those responsible for the management of the lake changed their minds at the last minute. There is still some hope that something can be worked out, so that the team can use Champion for its practices.

David Anders is the president of the ski club and other club officers include Phillip Gunner, vice-president; Shandra Adams, treasurer; and John Lee, secretary. Some of the other team members are Sammy Derrick, Alison Platt, Rachel Poole, Teresa Souter and Scott Gregarious.

Team water skiing is one of the fastest growing sports at both the collegiate and professional levels across America. The water skiing team is a perfect example of how a lifetime sport can be a benefit to students and university as a whole.

## IM League Schedule Final Week Regular Season

- 5:30 p.m. BSU vs. The Zeros Field 1  
5:30 p.m. Road Warriors vs. Destroyers Field 2  
To be played Tuesday 10-20-86

## Co-Rech League Schedule Games of Tuesday, Oct. 21 3:30 League

- 3:30 p.m. Delta Sig-Phi Mu vs. Peace Corp  
3:30 p.m. Phi Delt-Phi Mu vs. Gunners

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- 4:30 p.m. HPE vs BSU  
4:30 p.m. Euchthian Lice vs Kappa Sig-Zeta

## Saints replace Aints

The NFL season has passed the quarter pole and it's de ja vue once more for New Orleans Saints fans. Surprise, for the 19th straight season the Aints, I mean the Saints, have a losing record, 2-4.

Sure, the Saints have lost four games, but look at the teams that have beaten them and you gain instant respect for New Orleans. The Saints masters have been the division leading Giants, Redskins and Falcons all with 5-1 records and the powerful 49er's who are 4-2. New Orleans lost three of those games by a touchdown or less and only played poorly in the season opener, when Atlanta trounced them.

Only in the loss to the Falcons did the Saints give up more than 30 points and that's the secret to their future-defense.

The 1986 Saints have a tough, ball hawking defense built by new head coach Jim Mora. Mora added new personnel to the defensive line and linebacking corps, shoring up a weak pass rush and making the Saints intimidators rather than pretenders on defense. More

importantly, Mora brought a winning atmosphere to New Orleans from his USFL days.

During the three years of USFL play Mora had his team in the title game three times and won it twice. Somehow Mora has instilled that winning attitude in the Saint players and it is paying off. The Saints suffered heartbreaking losses to New York and San Francisco in games they had a chance to win in the fourth quarter. Past Saint teams have done an el foldo for the season after such tough defeats, but not Jim Mora's Saints.

With their dominating defense and an offense that should improve dramatically when injured quarterback Bobby Herbert returns, the Saints are for real. New Orleans might not make the playoffs this year, but 1987 should be their best year ever.

Jim Mora and his 1986 Saints have given new hope to long suffering New Orleans football fans and it is not a false hope either. It's going to be a long time before a Saints fan has to wear a bag over his head again.

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